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Establish control over the preparation of REMBRANDT[ii][6 groups unrecovered] in "DEREVNYa"[iii][6 groups unrecovered] from "DEREVNYa." Absolutely forbid him

[38 groups unrecoverable]

. [4 groups unrecovered][warn C] and report which particular American correspondent is being discussed.

[8 groups unrecovered]

in relation to "REMBRANDT" ALVAREZ DEL

[33 groups unrecoverable]

"INDEJTSY"[iv] we know only "ZNAKOMYJ"[v], and even he [5 groups unrecovered] investigate the whole group of "INDEJTSY," its work and reliability

[41 groups unrecoverable]

when, which, through whom and

[29 groups unrecovered]

and "AMOR"[vi][3 groups unrecovered] we consider at this time absolutely necessary

[28 groups unrecoverable]

"INDEJTSY." Don't have your meetings with "AMOR" more often than once every two to three months.

4. [2 groups unrecovered][of] you yourself the COMPETITORS[vii] from the "SELO"[viii] and the "OSTROV"[ix], a number of problems with the "GNOME"[x] affair, "COOKIE"[xi] and others of the agent network -- require your undivided attention [2 groups unrecovered] in all the work. Keep your eyes open and study the situation, use your operational workers more boldly, exercise general control of the Residency[xii], but go to a meeting yourself only in exceptional cases. In this connection [5 groups unrecovered] personal meeting

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with "AMOR" and "COOKIE," since "SEMEN"[xiv][3 groups unrecovered] on instructions yourself. Establish new personal contacts with the old agent network only with our permission.

5. Instruct "COOKIE" not to meet with "KLAVA"[xiv] and expedite the latter's departure to Cuba

[7 groups unrecoverable
including signature]

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- [i] Not available.
 - [ii] REMBRANDT: Jose Sancho PADROS.
 - [iii] DEREVNIA, i.e. "COUNTRYSIDE": Mexico.
 - [iv] INDEJTs, i.e. "INDIANS": Unidentified covername.
 - [v] ZNAKOMYJ, i.e. "ACQUAINTANCE": Unidentified covername.
 - [vi] AMOR: Margarita Nelkin Mansberger de PAUL.
 - [vii] COMPETITORS: Members of a non-Soviet intelligence organization.
 - [viii] SELO, i.e. "VILLAGE": Unidentified country.
 - [ix] OSTROV, i.e. "ISLAND": Great Britain.
 - [x] GNOME: Probably Jaime Ramon MERCADOR.
 - [xi] COOKIE: Unidentified.
 - [xii] Residency; Local MGB organ.
 - [xiii] SEMEN: Code clerk, possibly Pavel Osipovich PROSHIN.
 - [xiv] KLAVA: Caridad MERCADER.

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